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SUBJECT: GOK MAKES \$5 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO FAO

1. GOK RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT HERE WITH FAO UNDER WHICH IT
AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE \$5MILLION FOR FAO REGIONAL PROGRAMS.
AGREEMENT SIGNED ON BEHALF OF FAO BY DR. MOHAMAD ABDULLA NUR,
FAO MIDDLE EAST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. NUR TOLD LOCAL PRESS THAT
IN ADDITION TO TOK CONTRIBUTION, FOLLOWING PLEDGES HAVE BEEN
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RECEIVED: SAUDI ARABIA - \$10 MILLION; QATAR - \$7 MILLION

IRAQ - \$5 MILLION; UAE - \$5 MILLION; AND BAHRAIN - \$1 MILLION.
THUS FAO HAS RECEIVED \$33 MILLION FROM SIX ARAB STATES FOR
REGIONAL PROGRAMS.

2. ACCORDING DR. NUR, WHO BASED IN CAIRO, FAO REGIONAL OFFICE WILL
HANDLE EXECUTION SUPERVISION IN JOINT COOPERATION WITH THE
COUNTRY WHERE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT LOCATED. HE NOTED THAT CATTLE
BREEDING AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL
AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED. AMONG SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS
CURRENTLY BEFORE FAO REGIONAL OFFICE ARE: SUDAN - CATTLE BREEDING;
NORHT YEMEN - TOMATO PLANTATIONS; SOUTH YEMEN - FISHERIES DEVELOP-
MENT; SOMALIA - LAND RECLAMATION AND CATTLE BREEDING; JORDAN -
CONSTRUCTION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE AT AQABA AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
AND EGYPT - WATER DESALINATION.

3. COMMENT: PROGRAMS REVIEWED BY DR. NUR WERE INITIALLY BROACHED
AT FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCES IN AMMAN AND KUWAIT AND THEREFORE HAVE
BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME. SINCE KUWAIT CONFERENCE IN
1972, HOWEVER, GENERAL ECONOMIC PICTURE IN REGION HAS RADICALLY
CHANGED, AND SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS ARAB AND KUWAIT
FUNDS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN REGION.
WE THINK KUWAIT-BASED FUNDS, AT LEAST, WOULD LIKE TO SEE FAO
PLAY FULL ROLE IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND APPEARS KUWAIT AND
OTHER REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW MADE IMPORTANT FINANCIAL
COMMITMENT TO FAO WHICH SHOULD HELP IT PURSUE REGIONAL PROGRAMS.
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